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Capt. Comiskey, with his celebrated St. Louis Browns, played the Dallas, Texas, team Saturday afternoon at Oak Cliff Park in the latter city. The game resulted, Dallas, 12; St. Louis Browns, 8, with Joyce of the Dallas team the hero.

Somebody was reading to Pete Browning the other day about the overthrow of the Brazilian empire. "What," says Pete, "is dat danged sucker gone? Well, I'm glad of dat. Why, he was do rottenest empire in do whole gang. He was allus givin' Louisville de worst of it."

Our Diocese.

The annual convention of the diocese of Springfield of the Protestant Episcopal church will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral in that city, commencing on Tuesday, December 3, and will be opened with a high choral celebration at 10:30 o'clock, with the Rt. Rev. George F. Seymour, Bishop of Springfield, as celebrant. The sermon will be preached by Rev. M. M. Goodwin, rector of St. John's church, Decatur. The annual diocesan convention of this diocese has heretofore been held in the spring, but it was decided at the last convention to change the time of meeting.

Death of an Old Soldier.

John L. Forin, a veteran of Co. A, 41st Illinois Infantry, died Friday night near Riverton, Ill., and was buried on Sunday. His age was 58 years. The deceased was a native of Macon county, and lived in Decatur many years. When the war broke out he enlisted in Captain M. F. Kanan's company August 3, 1861, and was mustered out August 20, 1864. Jack was a son of the former owner of the 160 acres of land now in possession of Dr. H. C. Johns and family, southeast of the city. It was sold years ago by old man Forin to William Martin. Captain Kanan was at Riverton to arrange for the funeral of his old comrade.

Sol Smith Russell.

The most interesting event at the opera house Thursday night will be the appearance of Sol Smith Russell, a comedian who has won a national reputation by his delineations of comic characters, in Mr. Edward E. Kilder's new comedy entitled "A Poor Relation." In the new play Mr. Russell will be seen in the role of Noah Vale, an impetuous inventor, and it is said to give him every opportunity for the display of the quaint and unctuous humor which he possesses in such abundance, and also provides him with chances for indulging his genius for pathos. "A Poor Relation" will be given a handsome stage setting, entirely new and beautiful scenery, having been painted specially for this production by Walter Burridge. Mr. Russell is the embodiment of comedy, whose acting is not confined to his face. His body, arms, feet, hands, legs, and even his clothes seem to act. Manager Berger has selected a competent company that includes the names of Alfred Hudson, Charles Kent, Louis Carpenter, Maud H. Ford, Grace Filkins, Lillian Owen, Merri Osburn, Master Gerald Richards, and little Hazel Chappel. The sale of seats opens to-morrow evening.

The Casner School.

On Wednesday evening, November 27, despite the extreme inclemency of the weather, a goodly number of our people, mostly patrons of the school, assembled at the school house and were most profitably entertained by listening to an interesting program, consisting of songs, declamations and select readings rendered by the school under the supervision of the teacher, Miss Keethen. The school and teacher cannot be too highly commended, considering the short preparation. We must make reference to some special selections, but by so doing we would do others injustice, as considered by other listeners. After the entertainment came the main feature, a basket festival, from which a sufficient sum was realized to purchase a handsome library. Everyone seemed to consider the importance of the object for which the money was to be raised and opened their hearts and pocket-books accordingly. At a late hour the crowd went home, feeling that they had spent an evening long to be remembered. We shall eagerly look forward to the time when Casner school gives us another such an entertainment. See.

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Farmers Organizations.

Of the 4,500,000 farmers in the United States at least 1,000,000 are organized, and on Tuesday next a great meeting will be held in St. Louis looking towards the consolidation of all existing organizations and further extensions, by which it is hoped within a short time to include in a consolidated association not less than 4,000,000 farmers. Speaking of the nature of the organizations, W. A. Pfeffer, editor of the Kansas Farmer, says in a current number of the Farmer:

Some of these associations have originated in the Southwest, some in other parts of the South and some in the West. Their general purpose is to express the importance of the agricultural interest as to cause other interests to pay greater heed to the farmer. The complaint of all these organizations is, in substance, that the middlemen and money-lenders have, in one way or another, great advantage over the farmer, which advantage has been used to his impoverishment. All these organizations are secret, and although in a purely local sense none of them are political, in a larger sense they all look forward to an opportunity for the farmers' vote to change legislation which they conceive to be particularly adverse to agricultural interests.

Says the Springfield News: It was on the Monday evening after that awful Sunday in 1861 when Fort Sumter surrendered. The great surge of patriotism was rolling over the north. A meeting has been called to meet at the Court House at Valparaiso, Porter County, Ind. Nobody knew just what to do. A few speeches were made, when a young lawyer, just graduated, came to the front and said: "Treason has raised its head. Fort Sumter is in the hands of rebels. President Lincoln wants soldiers, and I say to-night, as Ethan Allen once said: 'The stars and stripes shall float over Fort Sumter or Molly Pierce will be a widow. Get out your muster roll. I want to enlist,' and following this speech a company was enlisted as fast as men could write their names. That briefless young barrister was Gilbert A. Pierce, yesterday elected United States Senator from North Dakota.

Pneumonia and Bronchitis carry off

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The annual dinner which the Massachusetts Tariff Reform League announces for December 31 is probably the last which it will hold. The tariff reform party is now in power, and the reform which it will make promises to wipe out all such pseudo reformers as the Massachusetts organization as completely as emancipation abolished the abolition societies a quarter of a century ago.

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HUMAN BEINGS CAUGHT IN A FIRE-TRAP

Destruction of the Tribune Building, at Minneapolis, With an Awful Loss of Life—Thrilling Scenes and Incidents.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 1.—The ten-story Tribune building was gutted by fire, which started about half-past ten o'clock last evening, and it is almost certain that half a dozen people perished. This number may be doubled when the facts become known, it being impossible, owing to the confusion, to get at the exact truth. As nearly one hundred people were employed in various capacities on the seventh floor when the fire broke out. The fire originated in a law office on the third story of the building. The elevator man noticed the smell of smoke, and called the attention of some of the persons around the building to it. The cry of fire was raised and several persons went down stairs from the seventh story to investigate and then returned to work. Before long smoke began to fill the narrow stairway—the only one in the building—and every one began to make leisurely preparations to leave, no immediate danger being feared. The only exits to the building, which was as usual erroneously supposed to be fire-proof, were a narrow staircase, scarcely wide enough for two persons to come down abreast, the elevators and a single escape in the north end of the building. Several persons had made their escape in the meantime, but in less than ten minutes the flames sought the elevator shaft, which, acting as a mammoth flue, conveyed the fire to the top story, and soon the editorial rooms in the same side of the building where the fire originated were a seething mass of flames. In a few minutes it reached the other side, where the composing room was situated. A general alarm was turned in, and all the engines in the city responded to the call. The imprisoned printers gathered at the windows in the south end and shrieked desperately for aid. "Hurry the ladders!" was the awful refrain that rent the air. "Hurry the ladders, for God's sake!" shrieked with vehemence and power by dozens in peril of their lives by an awful death, was all they could utter. The vast crowd that from the opposite side viewed the fire do its work shouted words of encouragement to them in strenuous endeavors to cheer them up. The long ladder seemed to move at a snail's pace, but was finally rested in position, and the crowd began to descend, the flames making steady encroachments from the corner where the frightened men had huddled like cowering animals. The life lines were brought and some were saved by this means. The entire building at this time, less than an hour after the blaze was discovered, was on fire. High above the hoarse cries of the firemen, the rattle of engines and the stamp of horses, could be heard the agonizing screams for aid sent forth by the crowd of men hemmed in by the swirling masses of flame which surged around the top windows of the doomed building. When the ladder was finally adjusted, after what to firemen, printers and spectators alike seemed an eternity, the employees of the Tribune began to descend. So eager were they to get out of their scorching prison that they would have fallen headlong out of the window and been dashed to pieces on the sidewalk seven stories below, had they not been restrained by their more cool-headed fellows. As it was, however, two of the terror-stricken men broke away from their would-be preservers and dropped from a window to the sidewalk. They were both instantly killed.

While the work of rescue was going on from the window where the crowd of printers and others had assembled, Prof. Olsen, president of the Vermillion (Dak.) University, met a terrible fate. Mr. Olsen had been spending Thanksgiving here with his brother, and Friday evening made a call upon a friend who was employed in the editorial rooms of the Tribune. While seated in his friend's room the alarm of fire was raised, but as investigation seemed to show that no particular danger need be apprehended, both sat down and resumed their conversation. In a few minutes every body realized the fact that nearly all hope of escape had been cut off, and Prof. Olsen and his friend started for the fire escape leading from the sixth story on which were located the editorial rooms. Some of those who were on that floor when the blaze was discovered are of the opinion that the Tribune employees escaped. Prof. Olsen got out of the window all right and had proceeded down a short distance on the fire escape, when from some unknown reason he let go his hold and fell to the sidewalk. A couple of firemen rushed in and carried him to the nearest drug store, where it was found that he was dead, his body bearing terrible bruises and crushed badly by the fall. The printers, meantime, were making their way down the ladder as rapidly as possible. But it is not known yet whether all escaped.

The following is a list of those known to have failed of escape:

Prof. Olsen, of Vermillion University, fell from fire escape.

Harry Colwell, compositor in the Tribune office, leaped from a window and was killed.

McCutcheon, compositor, also killed by jumping from the window.

James Igoe, telegraph operator.

Jerry Jenkinson, compositor in the Tribune office.

Milton Pickett, reporter on the Pioneer-Press, who had been calling on a friend in the Tribune office.

Inquiry among surviving employees of the paper goes to show that a number of others have perished either by being burned to death or by leaping from windows, some putting the total number of

fatalities as high as twenty. It is impossible as yet to obtain a list of the injured, of whom there are known to be many. One of the unidentified bodies at the morgue has since been recognized as that of Patrick Miles, the day Associated Press operator and also the night agent of that company. How he met his death is not yet known.

Jimmy Kohl, a messenger boy on the Tribune, is said to be missing.

Chas. Alf Williams and his brother, William, had narrow escapes and both are badly burned.

All night long the steamers threw water on the burning and smoking ruins without cessation. The force that was on duty during the night was relieved by another, and the good work went on unceasingly. A few spectators stood around during the entire night, and as soon as light began to dawn in the east others came, so that as early as eight o'clock there was a considerable crowd on hand. Dark and forbidding the walls of the wrecked building loomed up in the gray light of early dawn, and as the spectators gazed the awful fact that frenzied human beings, half-stifled with smoke and singed with flames had but a few hours before made the death-plunge from the giddy heights to the hard, cruel stone pavement below, seemed to dawn upon them afresh, with all its terrible force.

As the day advanced and the light became more distinct, the completeness of the wreck became more and more evident. The upper floors had given way, and their weight, together with the job presses and heavy iron safes, had carried all before them into a confused mass in the basement. Here and there an iron girder remained in position, but so insecurely fixed that it appeared that but a slight jar would be required to send it crashing to the bottom. A few of these girders were bent and twisted out of shape by the heat and the heavy masses that fell upon them from above. It had been hoped that the solidity of the first floor, supported as it was by heavy iron posts and girders, would support the overlying mass and thus protect the presses in the basement. But an examination of the ruins proved the probable delusiveness of this hope. Every thing had given way before the stupendous weight, and the basement was piled full of the heavy debris. The vaults in the news-paper offices appeared to be in good condition, and unless the heat was too intense the contents will be found to be in a good state of preservation. The walls are cracked but little, and in the opinion of Chief Stetson there is no danger of their falling.

Charles A. Smith, the elevator man on the night service, did very creditable work. He was a new man, having only been in the place since the first of the week. After the fire broke out he made five trips (the last when the shaft was actually on fire), and saved a number of people. Smith says he smelled fire for three-quarters of an hour before he could find its location. After looking on all the floors he finally felt the heat on the third floor and was about to break in the door of the fatal room when the transom burst and the flames sprang up. He is confident that the fire originated in E. A. Harmon's office, and worked through two partitions before breaking into the hallway, but this seems well-nigh impossible. Smith is sure that more people were burned than have been reported. He says that about five minutes before the fire was discovered he carried a heavy dark-complexioned lady to the sixth floor. She asked for the editorial rooms of the Pioneer-Press. He did not take her back in the elevator, and he is sure she could not have gone down the stairway. Smith also says that a tall young man, with a black mustache, shot himself on the seventh floor, near the composing-room door. Smith was up on his last trip and called to the young man to come into the elevator, but he seemed dazed by the heat and smoke and deliberately drew a revolver and fired into his own head, falling, as Smith supposes, quite dead. Just before he fired the shot he exclaimed: "My God, my wife and —," then the bullet did its work.

Chief Stetson charges that the loss of life is due to the absence of proper fire escapes.

There was some apparently unaccountable delay in turning in the alarm for the fire department, and after they arrived on the ground it seemed to be a long time before they got to work. This was a general cause of comment by the spectators.

In an interview to-day Chief Stetson talked as follows on the subject: "In the first place, there was some unaccountable delay in sending the alarm. I had no knowledge that there was a fire until it had made such headway that it could not be checked. The man who pulled the alarm box was so excited that he did not do it properly, and sent in a call for police instead of fire. This he did three times, as the records at police headquarters will show. Finally the proper alarm came in, and I arrived on the ground shortly after. I took in the situation at once, and after sending in a general alarm, gave my attention to rescuing those poor fellows away up in the composing-room. Of what importance is a building when some twenty human lives are at stake? I gave my personal attention to the manipulation of the ladders and left the supervision of the steamers to my assistants. Calling out to the men to do all they could to rescue those on the seventh floor, I ordered the ladder run up. The boys worked with a will. We planted the ladder opposite a window where there was a number of men looking out and began to run it up. The telegraph wires were in the way and we lost precious time trying to avoid them. Then our ropes got entangled in the wires. When we did finally get the ladder up to its proper place the heat had driven the printers further over toward the corner of the building. So we had to take it down, place it further down the street and run it up again, encountering the same difficulty as before in the interference of the telegraph wires. But we reached the men at last and saved all who had not yet jumped to the ground. Meantime the steamers had begun their work. Unfortunately steamer No. 1 blew out her air chamber

and caused a short delay. But we soon got the streams flowing and doing good work. It is a very easy matter to criticize the fire department and accuse them of negligence of duty and tardiness of action. But I would like to ask the critics what they would do under the same circumstances. In my opinion the department did all that could be done. I charge the loss of life to the owners of the building, who failed to provide proper fire escapes."

Minneapolis Typographical Union No. 42 met this afternoon in Labor Temple to take action on the calamity. A committee on resolutions was appointed, and pending their report the recording secretary began collecting evidence regarding the repeated efforts of the men to have fire escapes placed on the building and to place such evidence at the disposal of the coroner.

Anton J. Dahl, a book-binder, was on an upper floor and is believed now to be among the dead.

The following is a complete list of the dead and injured so far as can be ascertained:

DEAD.

Milton Pickett, assistant city editor of the Pioneer-Press.

James F. Igoe, Associated Press operator.

Edward Olsen, president of the University of South Dakota, at Vermillion.

Jerry Jenkinson, a printer.

Robert McCutcheon, a printer.

W. H. Milman, commercial editor of the Tribune.

Walter E. Miles, operator and agent of the Associated Press.

INSURED.

William Law, printer; burned on hands and face.

E. C. Andrews, printer; burned on hands and face.

George E. Worden, printer; burned on hands and face.

Frank Gerber, a deaf mute printer; hands and face burned.

Adam Weischnir, printer; hurt about the hips.

Charles Alf Williams, managing editor of the Tribune; badly burned about the head and face.

W. H. Williams, foreman of composing-room; badly burned about the face and hands.

S. H. Jones, Pioneer-Press reporter; hands and face slightly burned; and Frank Hoover, printer; burned about the neck.

THE 51ST CONGRESS.

Gathering of Law-Makers at the National Capital To-Day.

A FORECAST OF THE SESSION'S WORK.

The Allison Tariff Bill—A Bill to Abolish or Amend the Civil-Service Law—The Inter-State Commerce Law, Etc., Etc.

The Opening of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The Congress which assembles at noon to-day meets under very peculiar conditions. A Republican Senate and a Republican House will meet to transact business which will be submitted to a Republican President for approval. It would seem that where there is such perfect political harmony, harmony of ideas and interests should be found also. But whether this harmony will be present at the deliberations of the two Houses of Congress or not remains to be seen. There are many questions to be considered by this Congress which can not be settled on party lines. The principal topics to come before the Congress for discussion are the tariff; the silver question; Federal control of National elections; a proposition to repeal the Civil-Service law, and the appropriation of money for rivers and harbors and other local objects and enterprises. The tariff question was the chief issue in the last Congress. It will divide interest this term with the silver question. The question of silver coinage has been much agitated of late months, and the Secretary of the Treasury, it is confidently expected, will make such recommendations to Congress in the annual report that will be transmitted to the House and Senate on Wednesday next as will bring the question into still greater prominence. The effect of the deliberations of the silver convention recently held in St. Louis will undoubtedly be felt, and the course taken by Mr. Reed, the Speaker, in constituting the new committee on coinage, weights and measures, will be watched with much interest. Mr. Leach, the Director of the Mint, has expressed the belief that Congress will increase the coinage of silver. The only doubt that exists is whether the extremists in both Houses of Congress will not prevent legislation by refusing to accede to any proposition for moderate legislation.

Among the ideas which will be laid before the coming session of Congress is the proposition to increase the coinage to \$4,000,000 a month; a proposition for the free coinage of silver, and a proposition to authorize the issue of paper money based on silver bullion held on deposit by the Government. That there will be some modification of the present laws governing the coinage of silver there is little doubt, as the press of the East as well as the West and bankers and financiers in both sections are agitating the question now.

Two correlative questions which agitated the last Congress will come up before the Fifty-first Congress for a great deal of discussion. An effort will be made to amend the tariff laws, and a strong influence will be brought to bear to have the internal revenue laws repealed. It is generally understood that the Republican majority in the House and Senate will make an effort to have a bill on the line of the Allison Tariff bill of last year put through both houses and sent to the President. The discussion of this question may be postponed for several months. It is bound to absorb a great deal of the attention of both houses. Mr. Mills of Texas, has been quoted recently as saying that

the Democrats in the House would possibly filibuster to prevent the passage of any tariff bill at this session, but the Republican majority has little fear of this.

Senator Farwell, of Illinois, will introduce a bill to abolish the civil-service examinations. He has discussed the matter with the President, and told the President what he proposes to do. He denounces the law as a menace to good government.

Representative Chandler, of Georgia, will also introduce a bill to repeal the Civil-service law.

Representative Hitt, of Illinois, in a recent interview, expressed the opinion that the Civil-service law would be amended, but not repealed, and this seems to be the view of a great many of the older members of the House. Mr. Hitt also believes that the Inter-State Commerce law will be amended.

The question of the relations between the United States and Canada, and of the effect of competition of the Canadian Pacific railroad and its connections with the railroads of this country will come up for discussion in the Senate under reports to be presented by special committees which have been investigating the subject during the past summer. The committee on Pacific railroads, which has been to the Pacific coast this summer, will make some recommendations to the Senate as to the forfeiture of the lands granted to the Pacific railroads. The general impression is that legislation on this subject will affect only those lands which remain unearned at the present day.

There is little doubt that a river and harbor bill will be passed by this Congress. The local demands for it are of such a character that they can not be ignored, particularly as Congress, at its last session, made no appropriation for the improvement of rivers and harbors.

The subject of coast defenses will be debated in the House and Senate, and what result it would be hard to determine now.

A number of amendments have been prepared to be offered to the existing contract labor laws. Some applications have been made to the Secretary of the Treasury for the admission of skilled laborers to establish industries of which American workmen have no knowledge. It is claimed that the enforcement of the law in these cases works unnecessary hardship. To prevent this Congress will be asked to amend the law. Some minor amendments will also be necessary to make some of its provisions effective.

Congress will be asked at an early day to provide a form of government for Oklahoma. A bill for this is now being prepared under the supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The National pension committee of the Grand Army of the Republic has formulated a number of pension bills which will be offered for consideration. Principal among these is the Per Diem Allowance Pension bill and the Total Disability Pension bill. The usual amount of private pension legislation will be offered for consideration.

One of the early questions to be considered by Congress is the location of the World's Fair of 1893. The claims of New York, Washington, St. Louis and Chicago will be warmly pressed forward in the beginning of the session and the question will likely not be disposed of until January or February.

As a result of the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the question of the preservation of American forests will be brought strongly before Congress. The question of the further development by irrigation of the arid lands of the West will also be considered.

Among the general subjects which will come up for consideration are the following: The abolition or regulation of trusts; the establishment of postal savings banks; the organization of post-offices aboard trans-Atlantic steamships; an increase in the number of judicial circuits; to relieve the pressure of unfinished business on the Supreme Court; the abolition of lotteries as far as Congress can accomplish that object; the payment of Indian depredation claims; the Western pioneers, and the organization of a special tribunal to adjudicate those claims; the granting of subsidies to the American merchant marine; the Blair Educational bill; an investigation of the affairs of the pension-office, and the Civil-service Commission; the settlement of the dispute over the seal fisheries; the total exclusion of Chinese and other objectionable immigrants, and possibly a proposition to settle the race question in the South by limiting the representation in Congress to a proportion warranted by the white population of the different States alone.

The House will have to take under almost immediate consideration the rules which are to govern its deliberations. An effort will be made to curb the power which the rules of the last House gave to the minority, but this will meet with vigorous opposition from the Democrats, and a general impression seems to prevail that the rules will differ in no material way from those of the last House. The House has also to consider seventeen contested election cases.

A caucus of Republican Senators will be held in the near future to consider a proposed change in the officers of the Senate.

1880-1885-34.

We prefer buying our beef from the Farmers of Macon County rather than from Dressed Beef firms in St. Louis or Chicago. Believing that it is QUALITY rather than quantity that the public desires, we shall continue to sell only the best of meats, procured from animals raised and matured on Macon county farms, and respectfully ask for a continuance of your patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed. IMBODEN BROS.

nov23-dlw

SWELL BODY and Portland Sleighs and Bob-Sleds for sale at n30-Jaw6w SPRINGER & LERMAN CO.

WE HAVE TO SELL

A big lot of Dress Goods, and we propose to make prices that will do it quick. Black Gros Grain Silks reduced 10, 15, and 25 cents per yard on best goods made. Our celebrated Aida Cloth, all pure silk, reduced to \$1.25 per yard; warranted not to break, crack or wear greasy; absolutely the best value ever offered. Broadcloths reduced 25 cents per yard on all qualities, full line, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Best all wool Black Henrietta, 46 inches wide, sold by the largest dealers at \$1.25—our price, 95c. Our 45-inch all wool Black Henrietta, a legal tender at \$1.00—reduced to 75c.

All wool Suitings, Habit Cloths, Tricots, etc., etc., at 25, 35, 40, 50 and up to 75c—would be decided bargains at much higher prices.

WE SELL EVERYTHING CHEAP.

Milinery 25 per cent below all competition.

The best 5-cent Calico; the best 10-cent Cotton Flannel; the best 10 cents pound Rolls Bating in the market.

INSPECTION SOLICITED.

S. G. HATCH & BRO., 143 East Main Street.

Dissolution Notice.

The firm of Sorgen & Son is this day dissolved by mutual consent, and all their assets and good will transferred to the new firm of The Decatur Cornice Works, consisting of J. G. Sorgen, J. W. Sorgen and S. A. Anderson.

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NEW FIRM. ALEXANDER ROBERT KRAFT, —FLORIST— Dec. 1-dlm*

GRAND OPERA HOUSE ONE PERFORMANCE, THURSDAY, DEC. 3.

ENGAGEMENT OF THE DISTINGUISHED COMEDIAN, MR. SOL SMITH RUSSELL.

IN EDWIN R. KIDDER'S COMEDY DRAMA. "A POOR RELATION."

Produced with the same entire cast, and Stage Settings as used by Mr. Russell during his recent successful run at Italy's Theatre in New York. A poem of laughter and tears.—N. Y. Sun. The first emphatic success of the season.—N. Y. World.

Mr. Russell won a decided success.—N. Y. Post. Like sunshine breaking through April showers.—N. Y. Herald.

THE COMEDY EVENT OF THE SEASON. PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

The desirability of securing seats well in advance is respectfully submitted.

The sale of seats will begin Tuesday morning, December 2 at the Grand Opera House.

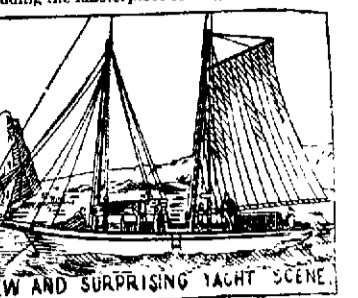
GRAND OPERA HOUSE

ONE NIGHT ONLY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 2d, '89,

ALL-OVERWHELMING PRODUCTION

THE STOWAWAY.

With all its Wondrous Scenic Features, including the Masterpiece of Stage Realism.



A Full-Rigged Yacht at Sea.

The Most Accurate, Complete, and Beautifully Equipped Spectacle Ever Shown on Any Stage.

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ALL ARE PICTURESQUE AND IMPROVING.

The Important Cast Includes:

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Mr. Harry Booker, Miss Sarah Holmes,

Mr. William McVay, Miss George Fox,

Mr. Francis Regles, Mr. Charles Fatio,

Mr. R. J. Meyer, Mr. R. Edwards.

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Introduction of two noted burglars, "Rogues"

Renney and "Kiv" McVay, who will actually blow open a real safe at every performance. A sensation that overshadows all in drama and interest.

PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00.

The sale of seats will begin at the Grand Opera House 3 days in advance.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE!

ONE NIGHT ONLY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

W. H. POWERS' COMPANY

In the Picturesque Irish Drama in five acts, entitled

THE IVY LEAF

CON T. MURPHY.

A grand spectacular production. Introduced, an excellent company and the famous

IVY LEAF QUARTETTE

In selected genres of Irish melody. A ear-tempting special scenery.

SEE THE EAGLE'S FLIGHT. THE BEST JUNGLE AND REEL DANCER IN AMERICA. SEE THE REVOLVING TOWER.

PRICES—25, 50 and 75 Cents.

Seats on sale at the Grand Opera House three days in advance.

To the Stockholders of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western Railway Co.

In accordance with an order of the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western Railway company, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of said railway company will be held at the office of the Company in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, on Thursday the 28th day of January, 1890, at 11 o'clock a. m., to vote upon a proposition to consolidate the property, franchises and capital stock of said company with the property, franchises and capital stock of the Decatur & Western Railway company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois.

By order of the Board, THOMAS B. ATKINS, Secretary, November 25th, 1889. nov30-dlw

To the Stockholders of the Decatur & Western Railway Co.

In accordance with an order of the Board of Directors of the Decatur & Western Railway company, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of said railway company will be held at the office of the Company in the City of Decatur, Ill., on Friday the 31st day of January, 1890, at 10 o'clock a. m., to vote upon a proposition to consolidate the property, franchises and capital stock of said company with the property, franchises and capital stock of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western Railway company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois and Indiana. By order of the Board, JOHN S. LAZARUS, Secretary, November 28th, 1889. nov9-dlw

To the Stockholders of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western Railway Co.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western Railway company, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the same, will be held at the office of the Company in the City of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, on Thursday the 28th day of January, A. D. 1890 at 10 a. m.

THOMAS B. ATKINS, Secy. Nov 27 '89

GOLD BEADS!

We have all of the popular sizes, in Solid Gold, Rolled Plate, and the Genuine Fish Scale (Imitation Pearl.)

BRACELETS.

New and Desirable Styles in Fancy, Substantial, Medium and Low Priced Goods.

We have what you want in the above goods, and OUR PRICES ARE EXCEEDINGLY LOW.

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- No. 121—With side extractor, polished blined barrels, 22 inches, rifled, weight 4 1/2 lbs; price. \$2 75
- No. 122—22 calibre, rifled, Remington system, oiled walnut stock, pistol grip, checkered, 22-inch barrel, weight 5 lbs; price. 4 50
- No. 123—Same as No. 122, with extra heavy octagon barrel, 24 inches, weight 5 1/2 lbs; price. 5 00
- No. 124—22 calibre, rifled, Warrant's action, oiled walnut stock, checkered, pistol grip, 22-inch octagon barrel, weight 5 lbs; price. 5 50
- No. 125—Same as No. 124, with extra heavy octagon barrel, 24 inches, weight 6 1/2 lbs; price. 6 00
- No. 126—32 calibre solid breech block, Warrant's action, rifled, pistol grip, 23 inch octagon barrel, weight 6 1/2 lbs; price. 7 50

This rifle is recommended for the safety of its action, force and accuracy of its shooting qualities.

NOTE These prices include a box of cartridges and a brush cleaning rod with each rifle.

Job Lot of Cheap Breech and Muzzle-Loading SHOT GUNS.

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G. W. POWERS'
BIG SACRIFICE SHOE SALE.

We have \$40,000 worth of BOOTS, SHOES AND RUBBERS that we offer at a Sacrifice. All New and clean. Compare the prices we make with those you have formerly been paying:

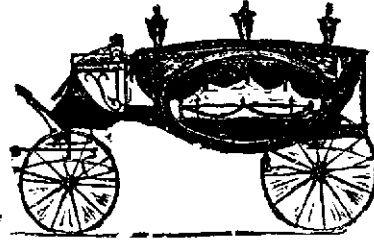
Best and Packard Fine Sewed Shoes. \$3.00	Frank White's all Calf Congress and Balmoral, \$2.50, now. 1.25
Men's Hartan Calf \$3 shoe, 5 and 6 wide. 2.50	Frank White's Buff Congress Scotch Edge, \$2.00, now. 1.25
Men's Hand-Sewed Calf \$6 Shoes, 7 and 6 wide. 3.50	Men's Calf, all Solid, worth \$2.75, Ladies' Reynolds Bros' Fine Calf Button, \$3.50, now. 2.00
Men's Greecke Calf Shamrock, 3 5 wide. 1.95	Ladies' Fine Kid Button, \$2, now. 1.25
	Ladies' Fine Kid Button, \$1.75, now. 1.00
	Boys' Fine Shoes, Button and lace. .75

POWERS' SHOE STORE,

240 North Park Street.

J. B. BULLARD,
FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

Funeral home on the O. & N. to his new home on Chicago at 1:15 p. m. to-day, re-
siding by G. C. Caldwell, Secretary Decatur
Grave Co.



Chicago Grain Market.
Following were the closing quotat-
ions in Chicago at 1:15 p. m. to-day, re-
siding by G. C. Caldwell, Secretary Decatur
Grave Co.

WHEAT—Dec; 80 1/2; Jan; 84 1/2; May
CORN—Dec; 80 1/2; Jan; 39 1/2; May
OATS—Dec; 22 1/2; Jan; 22 1/2; May
PORE—\$1.12 Nov; \$— Dec; \$9.27

LARD—\$7.00 Nov; — Dec; \$5.87

BEAN—\$7.12 Nov; \$5.87 Dec; \$4.72

Live Stock—Estimated receipts—Hogs
— steady.
Cattle—12,000; market steady.
— Wheat; Winter, 23; Spring,
— Oats, 16.

New Meat Market.
Chas. R. Foster has opened a new meat
market on Packard street, just west of
Water, immediately in the rear of his
grocery store, where he proposes to sell
the best of beef, mutton and pork at the
lowest prices. nov28-d&w

Just received at J. H. Bevans' City
Book store, a large lot of elegant Etch-
ings, all sizes, at prices lower than ever
offered. If in want of a fine picture, call
soon and look them over, for they are
selling rapidly. n30d&w1w

JOHN YOUNG, at the REPUBLICAN office,
is the Decatur agent for the Remington
Standard Typewriter, the most perfect
machine made, the favorite with all ex-
pert operators who desire quick work and
perfect alignment. d1w

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HAMSHER & MOSSER, Prop'rs.
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MONDAY EVE., DEC. 2. 1889.

The Next Struggle.

Congress assembled at noon to-day,
and the House elected Thomas B. Reed,
of Maine, speaker. The President's mes-
sage was read and the usual adjournment
finished up the first day's session of the
Fifty-first Congress. During the next
two weeks there will be not much of in-
terest, probably, at least not much that
the people will get to know anything
about, but it goes without saying that
the formation of the House committees
will give Mr. Speaker Reed all the trouble
that will be necessary to his existence.
Nominally the formation of the standing
committees is a matter for which the
speaker is solely responsible, and it would
seem to be an easy matter for him to
make his assignments without unneces-
sary delay. But there are considerations
aside from the mere fitness of the mem-
bers for the respective duties of each, and
no speaker was ever elected with enough
of chairmanships to go around among
those whose preferences must be con-
sidered. It is the rule of the House that
the chairman of the Ways and Means
committee has precedence over every
other chairman in the way of privilege,
and by the unwritten custom he is the
leader of the House. Consequently the
place has always been much sought after,
and it has come to be a custom of every
speaker to put at the head of the Ways
and Means committee the unsuccessful
candidate for the speakership. Mr.
Speaker Reed will have a comparatively
easy task in this regard, and can follow
the custom of the past by appointing Mr.
McKinley to this chairmanship, as well
as put his most important committee in
the hands of a most capable man and one
who has seen service on the committee.
Mr. Cannon, who stood at the head of
the Republican members of the commit-
tee on Appropriations in the last Con-
gress, by the same rule ought to be made
chairman of that committee, and the new
speaker will doubtless appoint him. And
so of others. Men who are peculiarly
fitted by training and experience will be
without doubt selected to head the most
important committees, but there are a
large proportion of new members in the
present Congress and they will expect
important chairmanships by virtue of
their support of the successful candidate
for speaker, and be disappointed if they
do not get them. It is doubtful whether
Mr. Reed will pass by men of experience
and long service merely because they
were partisans of some other candidate,
and pick out men for the important
places who have no redeeming trait save
their support of the speaker. We say it
is doubtful if he does this. It is not the
way of men who themselves have had
years of experience on the floor, for they
know how valuable this is. Capt. Rowell
of this district, ought to be at the head
of the Elections committee. He stood at
the head of the Republican members of
that committee in the last House, and
made considerable reputation on it, and
it would be manifestly dangerous to re-
place him with a new man.

But the next two weeks will witness a
lively shaking up among the members in
their hunt after committee assignments,
and the fact that the scramble after de-
sirable places will necessarily be very
privately conducted will make it none
the less exciting. Mr. Speaker Reed will
have his hands full, and will he awake
many a night trying to properly distrib-
ute his favors and pay his political debts
at the same time.

The Supreme Court vacancy is talked
about afresh again, with an intimation
that it will be filled by the President this
week. A new man has been mentioned
within the past few days, with an intima-
tion of a strong probability that ex-Presi-
dent Hayes will be the man.

Prof. Robert Patterson, editor and
one of the proprietors of the *Presbyter-
ian Banner*, died at 4 o'clock Saturday
morning at his home in Sewickley, Pa.,
of paralysis. The deceased was 69 years
of age, and was well known throughout
the country.

Repairs on the executive mansion at
Springfield are about completed, and
Gov. Felt will have a much better house
to live in than any of his predecessors. It
is announced that the contracts were let
at very low prices, and that the state got
about \$20,000 worth of improvements for
\$13,500.

Edward McPherson, of Pennsylvania,
who will be clerk of the House of Repre-
sentatives for the next two years, will not
find the duties of that post altogether
unfamiliar. He held the office from 1863
to 1875, and would have continued in it
longer had not Republican power in the
House ended temporarily in that year. In
the only other House controlled by the
Republicans since then—that of 1881-
1883, which came into existence with the
Garfield-Arthur Administration—he was
also Clerk. McPherson has already
served in that station longer than any
other man who has held the office at any
time since the beginning of the Govern-
ment, and none of them ever surpassed
him in efficiency or popularity.

WOOD PUMPS, Chain Pumps, Iron
Force Pumps, for sale at Spencer & Le-
man's. nov5-d&w1w

BURNED TO DEATH.

A Bakery Horror in Philadel-
phia this morning.

Special to the REPUBLICAN

CHICAGO, Dec. 2—1 p. m.—The bakery
of Gustave Gross in Philadelphia was
burned this morning. Mr. Gross escaped
but his wife and four children were
burned to death. Other tenants were
badly burned.

Tax trial of Cronin's murderers can be
eclipsed by a trial of Cole's Carbolic acid,
the great remedy which cures and cures
all skin eruptions, sore eyes, itch, piles,
cuts, boils, burns, scalds, chaps, corns,
chafes and felons.

Recital of Pupils.

Miss Mamie S. Condell's piano pupils
participated in a pleasing recital at the
home of the accomplished teacher Friday
evening, and quite a variety of classical
music was executed to the manifest pleas-
ure of the large company of friends pres-
ent. The pupils are advancing rapidly
under the tuition of Miss Condell. The
pupils are the Misses Anna Cool, Irene
Brown, Irene Wood, Clara Green, Clara
Brown, Hattie Logan, Lily Condell,
Adelle Blackstone, Maudie Barnes, Elvia
Mark, Lillie Acuff, Anna Brown, Nita
Thatcher, May Condell, Laura Tullis, Miss
Fouson, Bess Condell, Alkris Conde I
Miss Hogan and Alvah Long.

The program as rendered was as fol-
lows:

- PART I.
- Duet—"Operatic Melodies". Bellak
Misses Anna Cool and Bess Condell.
- "Polka". Misses Anna Brown and Bess Condell.
- "Frohlicher Landman". Schuman
Miss Clara Brown.
- "Heather Rose". Miss Clara Brown.
- Duet—"Polka". Lehart
Miss Clara Brown and Miss Condell.
- "Tullip". Miss Hattie Logan.
- "Sonatine Op. 36, No. 1". Clementi
Miss Lily Condell.
- "Waltz". Master Alvah Long.
- "Mignonette". Lechner
Miss Adelle Blackstone.
- Duet—"March from Don Juan". Mozart
Miss Maudie Barnes and Miss Condell.
- "Polka Bri Lante". Thalberg
Miss Elvia Mark.
- PART II.
- "Airs from Magic Flute". Mozart
Miss Lily Acuff.
- "Nocturne". Chopin
Miss Anna Brown.
- Duet—"Airs from Martha". Flotow
Miss Nita Thatcher and Miss Condell.
- "Shepherd Boy". Wilson
Miss May Condell.
- "Spring". Lohner
Miss Laura Tullis.
- Duet (2 pianos)—"Flower Song". Lange
Miss Anna Brown and Miss Condell.
- "Nocturne No. 10". Chopin
Miss Anna Brown.
- "Les Sylphes Waltz" (2 pianos). Bachmann
Miss Katherine Hogan and Miss Condell.
- "Invitation to the Dance". Weber
Miss Bess Condell.
- "Waltz". Rosewig
Miss Alberta Condell.

Each pupil before departing for home
was presented with a dainty box of bon-
bons as a souvenir of the occasion.

"Look Out for Safes."

That's what the reporter said this
morning when Kid McCoy, one of the
professional safe-blowers of the Stowaway
company, to appear to-night, paid the
REPUBLICAN a call. The "Kid" is a man
past 50 years of age, and is anything but
a boy in appearance. He speaks know-
ingly about the different methods of
cracking safes, and says the safe-blowing
scene to-night, in which "Spike" Hennessy
takes part, will be full of thrilling inter-
est.

Anybody Can Predict.

Rev. I. R. Hicks makes the following predic-
tions for December: "Denver days, 2, 3, 4, 12,
13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 27. Can count on some full-grown
winter storms from the 12th to the 26th; there
will be rain and much snow followed promptly
by extreme cold, and cold, frosty weather dur-
ing the holidays. The prospects are good that
nature will put up her winter festivals in ex-
changing December for January and that we
shall slip from the one into the other on a sea
o' ice."

\$1.70. COAL. \$1.70.
Double-Screened TAYLORVILLE
LUMP, at \$1.70, delivered, CASH.
Guaranteed quality. Telephone 55.
dec2-d&w V. H. PARKE & SON.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Secretary Blaine is rapidly recovering
from his late attack of lumbago.

The trial of Mrs. Hannah B. Southworth
for the murder of Stephen B. Pettus has been
set down for the 15th inst.

Major Wissmann will be shortly sent on
an expedition to Usambara, Africa, to ar-
range matters in that territory.

E. E. Witting, the veteran Boston fire-
man, died on Saturday of injuries received
in the great Thanksgiving-Day fire.

The Portuguese steamer *Alagoas*, with
the Ex-Emperor Dom Pedro and his party on
board, arrived at St. Vincent Saturday.

The penalties imposed against the Union
Iron works of San Francisco for failure of
contract in the construction of the cruiser
Charleston amounted to \$36,884. The con-
tract price was \$1,017,500.

At ten minutes past two o'clock Saturday
afternoon the Harper Nitro-Glycerine works,
located at Deep Hollow, near Oil City, Pa.,
exploded, and a terrible force. Two men
were killed and several fatally injured.

McComb City, Mississippi.
Is the point on the Illinois Central R. R. where
the company shops are located. Land cheap,
water good, country quite rolling, delightful
climate, splendid location for northern people.
Write Hon. Heber Craft, McComb City, Missis-
sippi, for information concerning lands, and the
admirable, at Manchester, Iowa, for copy of
"Farmers' and Fruit Growers' Guide in McComb
City," and "Southern Home-seekers' Guide,"
and for rates to any southern point.

Brookhaven, Mississippi.
Among the many points on the line of the
Illinois Central Railroad, in the state of Missis-
sippi, especially adapted to the wants of
northern people looking for southern homes,
none are more attractive than Brookhaven.
For full particulars write N. S. Craig, Brook-
haven, and for rates apply to the undersigned
at Manchester, Iowa. J. F. MERRY.
nov28-d&w Asst. Gen'l. Pass. Agent.

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Feed Cutters, Feed Grinders and Corn
Shellers. nov5-d&w

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We intend to have goods enough, NEW, BEAUTI-
FUL, CHEAP, to satisfy all our friends, old and new.
Every Department will be full to overflowing, and many
Novelties will be added to the usual assortment.

We have hundreds of the Standard, Cloth-Bound Books at
25c. If you prefer Fine Books, Illustrated Books, Elegant
Sets, we have them also—and be assured the Children are
not forgotten. Do you want Plush Goods, Novelties, late and
rare, they are here. Will a Fine Picture please you, look at
our stock.

Do you want Framing done Artistically, Cheaply, we are
ready to do it.

J. H. BEVANS.

Nov 16-d&w1w

40 Heating Stoves
TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

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And to Get the Space Needed we Offer

FORTY HEATING STOVES

At ACTUAL COST. This is no Catchpenny Adver-
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1 and 2 Court House Block.

Nov 23-d&w

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Cheapest and Best Shoe Store in Decatur.

We do not expect to leave town, but will remain and
carry on business as heretofore. If our goods rip we
sew them. If they do not fit you can exchange. If
they do not suit you get your money back. We do not
buy damaged goods, nor auction goods, but buy direct
from the Manufacturers, and will sell the same qualities
CHEAPER THAN CAN BE BOUGHT AT OTHER
STORES. We do not have any lottery. We do not
give groceries to one customer and let the other cus-
tomers pay for them. We treat all our customers alike
and give them value received for their money. WE
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Call and see us and be convinced, at

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We Keep Open Every Week Day Evening.

DAILY REPUBLICAN.

MONDAY EVE., DEC. 2, 1899.

LOCAL NEWS.

COUNCIL session to-night.

The great "Stowaway" play to-night. But the popular White Foam and Domestic flour.

Inspection of the Grand Army Post to-morrow night.

The mercury was at 40 above this morning—clear and pleasant.

The depot police looked up two distinguished looking bums Saturday evening.

Call for the Grand Opera House 5-cent cigar. 23-dtf

A fine greyhound belonging to Charles Young was run over by car No. 15, of the Citizens' line, Saturday evening. 5.

DECATUR Nut Coal, double-screened, at \$1.50 per ton, delivered to any part of town nov 7-dtf

The sale of seats for Sol Smith Russell begins at the box office to-morrow morning. He is billed to play "A Poor Relation" on next Thursday evening.

You will be pleased with "The Crowning of the Queen of Fame" at the Grand to-morrow night.

More to be desired than fine gold are the beautiful Carpets, Matting, Rugs, Wire Mats, Turkomans and Lace Curtains, at the price at which you can buy them at ABE'S. nov 23-dawtf

The laughable comedy "Natural Gas," is coming December 7. The company includes some of the best artists in the country.

W. A. COMBS' Restaurant.

Reserved seat tickets for the Crowning of the Queen of Fame are on sale at the opera house box office.

If you want to get net choice, call up E. A. Wilson, Springfield, Ill., telephone 335, for one of his \$80.00 lots—\$2.50 cash, 50 cents a week. Now is the time.

It only costs \$1.50 per ton delivered at your door, that superb Decatur nut coal. Nov. 7-dtf

CHRISTMAS CARDS in endless variety, at J. H. BEVANS' City Book Store. Special prices to those buying for classes or schools. n30-dawtf

The children flock to Linn & Sorrig's store every day to see Santa Claus, the Christmas trees and the wonderful mechanical devices, puzzling and beautiful, arranged for the holiday season.

What better thing could you do for your boy or girl for a Christmas present than to get one of E. A. Wilson's \$80.00 lots in Springfield. \$2.50 cash, and 50 cents a week. dec 2-dtf

The Grand Opera House cigar is a general favorite. Try it. 23-dtf

"THE IVY LEAF" drama to be produced at the Grand Wednesday night is a thrilling story of Irish life given with special scenery and a live eagle. It should draw a full house.

J. LITTLE & Co. make a specialty of the Van Allen country butter, and always sell the best of family groceries.

W. A. COMBS' Restaurant.

This morning the commission firm of Ehrhart & Co. received another carload of those splendid Florida oranges. This firm has the bulge on the fruit business. Since May 30 they have received and sold no less than 27 carloads of bananas.

DR. T. S. HOSKINS has taken possession of the G. W. Crouch property on Prairie Avenue.

Mrs. C. A. Foster would be pleased to meet the elder members of the Christmas Club to-night at her room in the Field & Mattee Block, 217 North Main street.

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THOMAS SHERIDAN, the blacksmith, who knocked down Foreman G. W. Hathaway, of the Wabash blacksmith shop, several days ago, left Saturday afternoon for Fort Wayne, Ind., where he will undoubtedly remain and make that point his home. Mr. Sheridan has many friends who regret to learn of his departure.

The place to get good groceries is at Niedermeyer's store on the mound.

W. A. COMBS' Restaurant.

This new time card on the P., D. & E. puts on a new passenger train to run every day in the week, including Sunday. It arrives from Evansville at 6:20 a. m., leaves for Peoria at 6:40 a. m., arrives from Peoria at 9:40 p. m., leaves for Evansville at 9:45 p. m.

L. F. BUTLER on Saturday was ordered by Judge Nelson in the county court to turn over to Albert Barnes, public administrator, all of the property, papers and effects of the late George F. Kesler, who committed suicide. Mr. Butler was granted an appeal, but he will have to file a bond in the sum of \$5,000 by December 23.

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A Serious Assault.

Saturday evening Minnie Boyd and Flora Durbin appeared in Justice Curtis' court and swore out two state warrants for the arrest of Michael Phelan, Jr., each charging him with an assault. Phelan was arrested and lodged in jail. At the trial he will be defended by Fred A. Brown. It appears that Phelan and other companions had attended a dance Friday night, and had called at the Mrs. Davis' place, south of the city. While there Phelan became involved in a quarrel and fight with a drunken stranger, and while the fight was going on Miss Boyd interfered to stop the fight, when she received a blow in the face. She alleges that she was knocked down and kicked on the body, one kick near the heart being of a serious nature. She was brought to the city in a carriage to visit a physician, who pronounced the injury dangerous.

MISS BOYD SPITTING BLOOD.

This morning young Phelan was brought before Justice Curtis, but by agreement the trial was put off until next Monday. It was represented that Miss Boyd is much worse and has been spitting blood. She is unable to come up town. She may die from the effects of the injuries.

An Inquisition.

This afternoon in the county court an inquisition will be held to inquire into the alleged insanity of Wilson Perdue, who is 35 years of age. His home is near Elwin. A conservator will be selected to look after his property.

Funeral of the Late James Bristow.

The remains of the late James E. Bristow arrived in the city this noon from near San Diego, Cal., where his death occurred on November 25, of hemorrhage of the lungs. The deceased was 27 years of age. The funeral will take place from the residence of Martin Fleming, 429 East Cerro Gordo street to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. T. W. Pickerton officiating.

Two Fine Roasts.

John G. Imboden, who was the referee at the Illinois Fat Stock show at Chicago, was generously remembered Saturday by his friend, Mr. Philip D. Armour, the Chicago millionaire, who sent to the Imboden Bros. two splendid roasts, weighing 50 pounds, cut from the noted sweepstakes yearling that took the first prize on foot at the show and also the first prize for dressed carcasses. The yearling weighed 1500 pounds on foot. It was bred and fed by J. M. Hill of Minnesota. The two roasts were on exhibition at the Imboden meat market Saturday evening and they were seen by hundreds of patrons.

Going to Lynn.

John A. Brown will leave this week for Lynn, Mass., on a business trip. He will be absent a week or two.

THERE will be a rehearsal of the "Crowning of the Queen of Fame" at the opera house to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A Sunday Train.

The P., D. & E., changed their time card Sunday and the trains over that road will now arrive and depart as follows: Going north, No. 2 arrives at 2:50 p. m., and leaves at 2:55 p. m.; No. 4 arrives at 6:20 a. m., and leaves 6:40 a. m. Going south, No. 1 arrives at 10:40 and leaves at 11 a. m.; No. 3 arrives at 9:40 p. m., and leaves at 9:45 p. m.

"Stowaway" To-night.

The most striking dramatic novelty in the theatrical world this season, "The Stowaway," the famous English melodramatic success, will be given to-night at the Grand. Unlike most English melodramas, it does not depend upon persecuted female innocence for its central interest, but reverses the order of things and makes the hero the principal figure in the plot. The scenic effects in the play are superb, and have never been equaled in a melodrama of its class. Realism is effected and successfully attained both in a wonderful street scene which opens the play, and a yacht, under full sail, passing down the Thames and standing out to the sea.

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nov 26-dtf

E. E. JAMESON, traveling engineer of the Wabash, has been promoted to succeed C. Shanks as master mechanic of the Chicago division of the Wabash, with his headquarters at Chicago. John Bryant, engineer on engine No. 150, main line, succeeds Jameson as road engineer.

D. P. BURNS, who has been at work in the Wabash tin shop for the past three years and seven months, has resigned his position. He left this morning for Hammond, where he will probably settle and start a shop on his own hook.

Not Fools.

Notice some "ada" in recent issues of Decatur papers where our competitors say the people are fools because they (the people) trade with us. Such insolence ought to be "eat down on" and will be. The people crowd our store and the verdict of the people is always right. They are not fools.
FERRIS & LAPHAM.
n19-dtf

Death of Mrs. Joseph Stearns.

Mrs. Stearns, wife of Joseph T. Stearns, died this morning at 2 o'clock, at her home, five miles northeast of the city, of heart disease, aged 65 years. The time of the funeral will be announced later.

Out Hunting.

Silas Packard, John May, Noah Jacobs and F. L. Wood are in the vicinity of Otter Lake, west of Decatur, on a hunting expedition, trailing coons and fishing. The party may be augmented to-morrow by George Downing, John Wood and John R. Miller.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. R. Race went to Bement this morning.

D. W. Brennenman has returned from Kansas.

H. W. Waggoner went to Tuscola this morning on business.

Dr. L. N. Buckley departed this morning for Los Angeles, Cal.

Ben Shockley entertained his friend, Harry Clark, of Lafayette, Ind., on Sunday.

Billy Payne, who is the foreman of a carriage works at Memphis, is in the city on a visit.

Miss Marguerite Lumsden, of Chicago, is visiting Miss Nellie Elliott, on West North street.

Roy Lewis and Miss Keether, of Jacksonville, spent Sunday in Decatur, guests of C. N. Lewis.

C. E. Drake, conductor of the Wabash dining car service between Decatur and Forrest, spent Sunday in Decatur.

Mrs. O. C. Stafford and daughter, Miss Bessie, are visiting with relatives and friends in Chicago.

Jim Sheedy, of the Wabash road and building department at Springfield, was here to-day.

Miss Pearl Early, stenographer for George W. Ehrhart & Co., who has been at Terre Haute visiting her father, arrived home to-day.

Mrs. Walter Lewis and children, of Evansville, Ind., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lewis, departed for their home this morning.

Miss Carrie Johnson, of Springfield, visited Mrs. E. P. Roe a few minutes this morning at the depot. She departed at noon for Chicago.

Miss Pet Buckingham and Miss Hattie Johnson, of Potosi, Mo., leave to-morrow for Mt. Zion, where they will visit Miss Madie Williams.

M. E. S. Baker departed Saturday afternoon for Nevada, Mo., where she will join her husband, who has been at that point for some time.

Mrs. Belle Gilham, of Fort Scott, Kan., is in the city on a visit to her mother, Mrs. I. C. Fugb. She will remain until after the holidays.

Bain Walston, who is a student at the Rush Medical College at Chicago, returned to school to-day after a visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Walston.

Mrs. D. R. Alexander and daughter, Blanche, returned Saturday from Christian, where they spent several weeks visiting Mrs. A.'s parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCullough.

Miss Lillian Taylor, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. F. M. Curtis, and her friend, Miss Ella Race, for some time, departed this morning for her home in Lafayette, Ind.

Charles H. Kreible, who has been train despatcher in the general office of the Terre Haute & Peoria road, has gone to Forrest, where he may remain permanently.

Francis M. Meredith, and Miss Maggie Leonard, both of Ivesdale; and B. F. Holcomb and Miss Myrtis M. Tuttle, both of Macon have been granted marriage licenses.

Dr. L. A. Eagle, of Hamilton, Mo., who formerly resided in Decatur, is here to attend the funeral of James H. Bristow, who died in California last week. Dr. Eagle has not been here since his removal to Missouri several years ago.

E. G. Young, who was storekeeper of the telegraphic department of the Wabash line, has gone to Moberly, Mo., to take charge of the telegraph line from that city to Kansas City. Charles Kinsman, son of Supt. G. C. Kinsman, succeeds Young as storekeeper.

DR. BULL'S Cough Syrup is particularly recommended for children. It cures coughs, colds, croup, sore throat, and whooping cough. It is pleasant to taste, and acts like a charm. 25cts.

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On Sunday the U. B. church had two unusually good congregations to hear Rev. J. A. King's sermons. The morning subject was, "The Christian Life Complete," which was well prepared and delivered. The evening was the last of the series of "Fruit of the Spirit." Temperance was the leading thought, and by looking to Jesus and keeping the compass continually in our hearts, casting off sin and laying aside the sin of intemperance, coming to Jesus, and then we can sing, "Oh! happy day that fixed my choice," etc. The large audience showed its appreciation by paying the closest attention.

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PETER LAUX IN TOWN.

He is Here for the Winter—He Was at Oklahoma.

Peter Laux, who has been enjoying life on the plains, and has been braving the dangers of the rowdy west for several years, arrived in the city last night from Pueblo, Colo., by way of St. Louis. The REPUBLICAN found the genial Pete in the St. Nicholas dining room this morning partaking of a hearty breakfast. He was looking well and confessed that he was glad to be back in bustling Decatur once more. He says it is his present intention to remain here all winter.

Since his absence Pete has been in Garden City, Kansas, engaged in various pursuits. When the promised land of the Oklahoma country was opened he was among the first to break over the lines, accompanied by Nicholas Laux and his sons. Nick is now in Guthrie engaged in profitable business.

Within the past few months both daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Laux were married. Miss Annie Laux and Mr. Burke, a lumber merchant of Garden City, and Miss Mollie Laux is the wife of Peter Rafferty, an extensive stock dealer whose ranch is within four miles of Garden City. A few friends of Peter are trying to get him to consent to deliver a series of lectures on life in Oklahoma and other points in the west. He may do so.

To Be Repeated.

The "Queen of Fame," given by the ladies of the Baptist church at the Opera House Nov. 26, will be repeated at the same place on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3. The ladies of the church had no intention of repeating it, but the success it scored was complete and brilliant and those who heard it have been so loud in their praise of it, that the ladies have yielded to the suggestion to repeat it. It has been repeatedly pronounced the finest entertainment ever given by home talent in Decatur, which is very high praise. Aside from the rich treat of the occasion, the fact that one half of the proceeds are to be given to the poor of our city, through the Industrial and Charitable Union, ought to insure liberal patronage. The price of tickets is reduced to 35 cents for reserved seats, which includes the ground floor and the first four rows in the balcony. Admission to other parts of the house, 25 cents.

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The Baptist church was very largely attended at both services yesterday. In the evening there were between six and seven hundred persons present to hear Dr. Vosburgh's sermon on "That Boy of Ours." It was a very interesting discourse.

From General Pleasanton.

MESSRS. J. & C. MAQUIRE, St. Louis, Mo.: I find your Benda Plant an excellent remedy for complaints of the bowels such as Cholera, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, etc., and cheerfully commend it.

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SECRET SOCIETY MEETINGS.

1. O. O. F. Regular meeting of Celestial Lodge No. 186, I. O. O. F. Monday evening, December 2, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is requested. Visiting brethren will find a cordial welcome. C. J. HARTLEY, N. G.

J. C. MARK, Sec.

ATTENTION, SIR KNIGHTS. Special meeting of Decatur Division No. 36, U. R. K. P., at Ceur de Leon Casino Hall on Tuesday evening, December 3, 1899, at 7:30 sharp, in full dress uniform, for work in the Sir Knight rank. All Sir Knights are requested to be present. By order of F. W. WISNER, S. K. G. W. P. SHADE, S. K. G.

MARRIED.

At Topeka, Kansas, on November 27, James W. Gibson, formerly of the Wabash shops, Decatur, and Miss Josie F. Smith, of Topeka. The groom is in the Santa Fe shops at Topeka as foreman of the locomotive paint department.

DIED.

December 1st, at the residence of George Hunsley, 62 East Prairie street, Mrs. Emily Hunsley, in the 75th year of her age.

The deceased, whose name was Emily Richardson, was born in Wartenburg, county of Kent, England, and joined the Episcopal church in her girlhood. She was married to Alfred William Harrison in 1814. Of this marriage two children were born, Thomas, who still resides in England, and Mrs. George Hunsley, of Decatur, who came here with her mother in 1876. She was married to Charles Hunsley April 25, 1879, and shortly afterward united with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she was a member to the day of her death.

The funeral will take place from Stapp's Chapel at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Services by Rev. George E. Seeringer.

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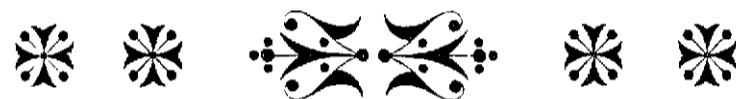
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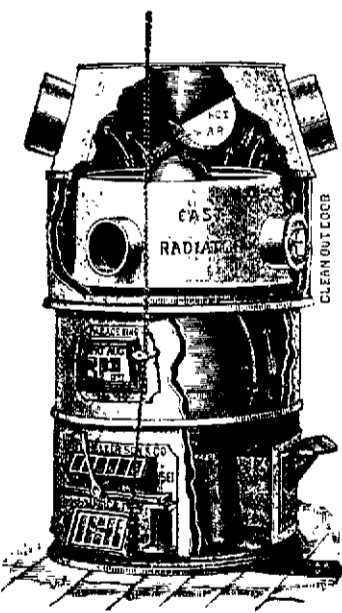
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WIN HILDRETH, who was released from the service of the Citizens' Electric Street Railway Co., has been reinstated on the East Eldorado street car. It seems it was not the fault of the driver, but was on account of the brake refusing to act when applied by the driver. A petition was circulated on East Eldorado street and 150 signatures were affixed. It was handed to the company who placed Hildreth back on his former run.

A Smooth Devil.
Saturday night at the Grand a large and well pleased audience witnessed a dramatic and lurid performance of "Faust," with the distinguished American actor, Lewis Morrison, as the scheming Mephisto, attired in a flaming red costume, minus the historic ears and tail which had been worn off by time. The story of the production was told in forceful language, with philosophical embellishments, coupled with surprising pyrotechnic, electric light and mechanical effects. Mr. Morrison's impersonation of Mephisto was most artistically done. He was a smooth devil—smooth in action, perfect in facial expression, and in the judgment of the audience was an ideal Satan. The support included Miss Morrison, sister of the star, as Marguerite, and other very clever people. It was a first-class performance.

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Church Benefit Concert.

A grand concert by the white Juvenile club of Spring Avenue will be given at the African Methodist church on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 3, for the benefit of the Antioch colored Baptist church. Arrangements have been completed for the appearance of the Peake Sisters, 10 in number, to take part in the concert. There will be songs and tableaux, concluding with a beautiful character play, "A Lesson on Marriage." Music will be furnished by the Spring Avenue Orchestra. Admission 10 cents. 27-dtd

Miss Ehrman at Boonville.

Edward Baxter Perry, the renowned blind pianist of Boston gave a Chopin recital at Boonville, Mo., recently, in which Miss Frances Ehrman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Ehrman, of this city, took a prominent part as the prima donna. Miss Ehrman, who is the vocalist of the Howard Female College at Fayette, Mo., was thus spoken of in the local paper in connection with the concert:

Miss Ehrman, the accomplished vocalist of Howard College, accompanied by Misses Ledbetter, Thompson and Horn, also of H. F. C., attended the Perry musical entertainment in Boonville, Saturday evening. Miss Ehrman, by special request, assisted Prof. Perry in his entertainment, and delighted a fashionable Boonville audience with her charming voice.

Miss Ehrman had three numbers on the programme. They were selections from Rubinstein, Lassen, Robandi, Bach and Raff.

A. B. PARKER, brakeman on the Washburn line, came over from the Springfield hospital this morning and is visiting with his many friends. He had the misfortune 18 months ago to mash two of his fingers on his left hand. He was taken to the hospital and suffered an amputation of the tips of the two fingers. The wounds never healed and a short time ago the same fingers were again amputated. This time they are mending and it will be but a short time until he will again resume his run.

Mr. E. A. Wilson, proprietor of the \$80 lot scheme at the state capital, refers to Mr. E. L. Martin, to whom he has sold 22 of his cheap lots. Mr. Martin knows a good thing when he sees it. For full particulars apply to him, or drop a line to E. A. Wilson, Springfield, or call him up, telephone 835. dec2-dtf

WOMAN'S INDUSTRIAL AND CHARITABLE UNION.

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MRS. M. A. BRADLEY, Sec'y and Agent.

The first regular meeting of the Union will be held at the Woman's Club, Gallagher Block, on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 10 o'clock, a. m. A general invitation is extended to all women who desire information as to the objects and methods of the society. The secretary will receive the names and annual fees of members. Ladies not yet assigned to either branch of the work will have an opportunity to make their selection. Members desiring to give one day's work each month to some branch of the Union can become "subscribing members," and will pay a monthly fee of 25 cents. A full attendance of all women interested in effective and intelligent work for the poor is requested. Press of business in her office has prevented Secretary Bradley from entering upon the canvass of the city for subscriptions to the Union, but it is hoped that she may be able to give her time to that work after Tuesday. Business men will do well to remember that through the cards of reference, which every subscriber receives, they can effectually rid themselves of street beggars and can insure the careful investigation and relief of real suffering or want. Do not give to street beggars; send them to the Union for help.

"Kin" McCoy, one of the professional safe-blowers of the "Stowaway" company, has been in the city all day.

Sales of Real Estate.

John A. Barnes, J. W. Crawford and C. M. Taylor to Frank L. Taylor, quit claim to tract of land in 4 and 43, 15, 1 east; consideration mutual division of undivided lands.

James Jackson to William and David Nicky, deed to 80 acres in 26, 17, 3 east—\$5,100.

William H. Stevens to John Chapman, deed to 49 acres in 10, 15, 1 east—\$1,000.

Warren & Durfee to Charles S. Hankins, deed to lot 18, Warren & Co.'s addition—\$325.

Geo. D. Haworth to James M. Wiswell, deed to lot 18, block 2, Wait & Co.'s addition—\$1,000.

Lewis Hord to William H. Harnsberger, deed to lot 3, Breckenridge's addition—\$700.

William Baker to Newton C. Dawley, quit claim to east half of lot 4, in 16, 17, 4 east—\$50.

Emma M. Martin to Charles Clark, quit claim to lots 14 and 15, in 5, 16, 3 east—\$1.00.

John A. Martin to Charles Clark, quit claim to same property as above—\$225.

John Ulrich to Joseph B. Dinges, quit claim to lots 3 and 4, block 1, Stevens' addition—\$1.00.

Dorathia Ulrich to J. B. Dinges, quit claim to lots 3 and 4, block 1 Stevens' addition—\$1900.

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The ladies of St. John's church will hold a sale and supper for the benefit of the new church fund, on Thursday, Dec. 5, Library block, West William street.

They will offer for sale a great variety of aprons and many useful and ornamental articles, suitable for Christmas gifts. They hope to entertain all the good people who have dimes and dollars to exchange for their wares, and assure them that in the present, as in the past, they hope to merit their kind patronage.

Doors open at 3 o'clock. Admission, 10 cents; supper, 25 cents. n30d5t

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A beautiful Plaid Cheviot Garment, 4 to 16 years, \$3.00 for 4 years, rising 50c per size.

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4 to 16 years, Handsome Striped Cloak, Astrachan Trimming, \$3 for 4 years, rising 50c per size.

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CHILDREN'S CLOAKS.

1100

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ALL NEW STYLES, and the product of two First-Class Manufacturers, which we closed as a Job at Half Price, and will sell:

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Child's Braided Beaver, in Seal, Navy, Myrtle and Garnet, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 16 years, \$2.00 for 4 years, rising 50c per size.

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Ladies' Merino Underwear, all sizes,	38c
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W. F. Busher not Going to Chicago, But going to stay right here and continue to sell boots and shoes cheaper than his brag, bluster and blow neighbors who claim again that they are going to close out their business in Decatur and go to Chicago. It is hoped that the people will not be deceived again, as this is the same old story for the past six years. It is galvanized every fall with a new elixir of life. I have no old shelf-worn goods which I have to sell at a pretended half price, as I get all my goods made suitable for the trade. I am prepared to meet all prices, and offer no deceiving advertisements. Call and examine the goods. I can save you money. Respectfully, 15-d&wtf W. F. BUSHER.

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From this date on the celebrated Decatur Steam Bakery bread will be on sale at the bakery in Library Block. Nov19-dtf

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FOR RENT—No. 666 West William, corner College, house of 8 rooms in good repair; good stable. Rent \$20 per month. Apply to J. B. RACE. nov10-47

FOR SALE—A pair, one work-horse, gentle and kind, any woman or child can drive him, perfectly sound. W. T. DOWNING. nov10-47

LOST—One brown mare mule and one sorrel horse mule, both with halvers. They strayed from the fair grounds Saturday evening, Nov. 22. A liberal reward will be paid for their return, or information that will lead to their recovery. JAMES CASEY. Residence, Fair Grounds. nov10-47

WANTED—A good girl in a small family, good wages. Apply at 700 West Wood st. Nov 25-47

FOR RENT—Two desirable furnished rooms, in private family, heated by furnace. Apply on premises, 448 West Main street. 22-47

FOR SALE—A BARGAIN—My present residence, east of East Park boulevard, has been remodeled and put in first-class condition. I offer the same for sale with a solid block of 20 or 21 lots. This is the finest suburban home around Decatur. The grounds are covered with fruit. Will sell on easy terms and at a bargain. Possession given on short notice. J. M. CLOKEY. nov11-47

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Everybody to know that Watson & Hughes will make your pants, suits, and overcoats cheaper than any merchant tailors in central Illinois. The largest and best selected line of price goods of all grades in the city. WATSON & HUGHES. 127 East Main street. nov11-47

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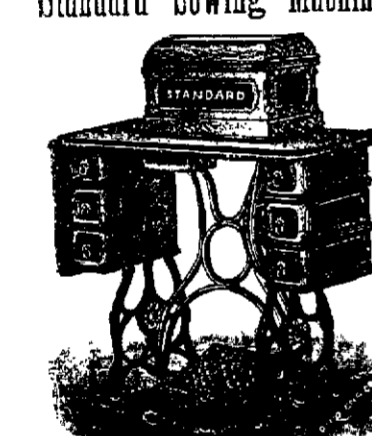
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HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR.

A Little Bit of Altruism Has Power to Bestow Unpurchasable Happiness.

An organization has recently been formed in this country, formed of men and women—the latter preponderating—whose motive and creed are as simple as they are lofty. To become a member and subscribe to the tenets of this organization, it is necessary to agree to one thing, to be pledged to one act. It is that each member shall, each and every day of his life, perform at least one act for the good of a fellow being.

In this age of selfishness it is refreshing to learn that an assemblage of human beings can be found whose watchword is altruism, and who bind themselves to forget self at least once every twenty-four hours. The age in which we live seems one in which the plant selfishness finds a poor soil indeed. It grows sporadically, not generally, and is too often a stunted and weakly affair. And yet the need of altruism, of self forgetting, is more widespread every year.

The rich grow richer, and, vice versa, the poor grow poorer. Selfishness, on the one hand, and sorrow on the other are growing quantities. Any measure that will lead toward warning into life the chilling embers of altruism must have the sanction and support of all right minded men and women. It is a small thing, indeed, to devote one impulse, one act each day, to the lightening of some other mortal's life burdens. Opportunities offer to all of us at home and in the bustle and whirl of business life.

There are heavy hearts all about us that we may make brighter; there are gloom and despair, and there are "gray days" that we can render more endurable by the sunshine of a kindly deed or sincerely spoken words. It is not necessary to bear the badge of the Red Cross society to bind up the wounded or alleviate pain. The keenest hurts do not flow blood, and the sorest bruises are not those of the flesh. They can be reached and cured by the exercise of the divine qualities of sympathy and unselfishness, and can be healed by those that never graduated in a school for trained nurses.

In every eighteen hours of waking life there are at least as many opportunities for the display of a practical, unostentatious bit of unselfishness that will make the recipient happier and the bestower happy as well. The organization referred to is one that should find encouragement from all that can realize what it is to be poor and friendless and hopeless. And even if they can not, it will at least be possible to give intelligent sympathy, to perform a small act of pure unselfishness for the mere pleasure which such doing confers. They will find that a little bit of altruism has power to bestow a happiness not purchasable and a delight beyond the scope of a bank note or a check to bestow. The sum of human happiness is not so great that individuals may not add thereto, and it is far easier to do this than most people imagine. —Pittsburg Bulletin.

Signs of the Times.

It is said that there is no surer test of hard times than can be found in the advertisements of the newspapers. When the columns are filled with advertisements offering expensive articles for sale it is to be considered ominous, because the rich are the first to feel the pressure and begin retrenchment by getting rid of some of their luxuries. If there is anything in this rule, hard times are in the near future, for the papers during the past two or three weeks have been literally crowded with the offers of gentlemen who are in apparent distress and are offering dog carts, broughams, victorias, horses and all the other accessories of private stables, as well as bronzes and bits of bric-a-brac, to the highest bidder. It does not seem from casual observation, that anybody in New York can be very hard pushed for money. The display which is made in the streets and at the theatre indicates boundless wealth. Wall street, however, shows some signs of distress. Money has been very tight during the past three months. A few days ago it had got up to 10 per cent., though in the early part of the summer, and when business is usually supposed to be stagnant, 3 and 4 per cent. ruled easily. —Once a Week.

Her Mother's Ghost.

A marriage which was to have taken place at Camden the other night, was interrupted in an unexpected way. The contracting parties, Henry Brown and Miss Mary Morgan, stood before Rev. Mr. Clayton, preparatory to becoming man and wife. A portion of the service had been already read, about fifty witnesses being present, when the bride uttered a loud scream. All eyes were immediately fixed upon her. She was seen to raise her hand and point toward a corner of the church. The next moment she fell on the floor in a swoon and had to be carried out. Physicians worked with her for nearly an hour before she was restored to consciousness. When fully recovered she gave a curious explanation of her conduct. Her mother, who died four months ago, was opposed to her marriage with Brown. The marriage was for a time delayed, but after Mrs. Morgan's death arrangements for it were pushed. Miss Morgan says that just when she was about to pronounce the binding words she raised her eyes and saw her mother's ghost; then she fainted. The wedding was postponed for several days. —New York Journal.

First Dairy School in America.

The state university can boast of having established the first dairy school in America. In this school will be given a thorough course in dairying, including butter and cheese making and the analysis of milk. Mr. O'Connell, a practical cheese maker, who has studied with Professor Robertson in Canada, and has given instructions in Sheboygan county under the auspices of the State Dairyman's association, will give instructions in cheese making and Dr. Babcock in butter making and milk analysis. The dairy house will be provided with the wonderful Swedish butter extractor, which takes the butter directly from the milk. —Madison (Wis.) Telegram.

His Ears All Right.
Everybody who travels on the Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania railroad knows Conductor John Dinges. He is one of the greatest jokers in the service, and when not punching tickets is busy telling stories or perpetrating a joke. Conductor Dinges' ears are historical. They are remarkable, not for their size, but for their wonderful pliability. His favorite trick is to double up his ears and then stuff them far into the orifice. This makes them look as if they had been mashed with a crowbar.

The other night, while the train was speeding along toward Altoona at the rate of fifty-five miles an hour, Dinges doubled his ears and passed through the fourth car. Nearly all the passengers were ladies. They regarded Dinges with amazement. The conductor's face wore a look of superb unconsciousness. One old lady with iron-gray curls and a pug nose could not take her eyes from the ears. When Dinges passed through the car again her curiosity was so great that she could not resist the temptation to stop him.

"What's the matter with your ears, conductor?" she asked.

"Nothing," he replied, innocently, as he elevated his eyebrows, and the ears flew back to their normal position.

The old lady nearly fainted. —Philadelphia North American.

The Discovery of America.

A special from Albany tells of a discovery made by Professor Mulvil Dewey, director of the New York state library, while visiting the national library of France. He went into the manuscript department, and there saw a fine looking man, with white mustache, with his nose in a yellow and musty manuscript. As he approached, the man raised his head and disclosed his identity. He was none other than Gen. Daniel Butterfield. The manuscript in which he was interested was one of St. Breuden, a notable abbot in the sixteenth century. The Latin manuscript, which was poorly written, seemed to relate to the discovery of America. Gen. Butterfield told Professor Dewey that he had discovered the manuscript by accident, about three weeks previously, and had become so interested in it that he would remain until he completed reading it. "He had pored over it so long," said Professor Dewey, "that he could read it faster than I could. I must give him credit for that. There is some discussion now over the story that a party of abbots discovered America long before Christopher Columbus did, and it would seem strange at this time, when we are talking about the four hundredth anniversary celebration, if Gen. Butterfield were to discover evidence which bore out the facts." —Philadelphia Ledger.

The "June Bug" Poem.

Edwin C. Colgan, editor of The Cumberland Gap, a weekly newspaper at Middleborough, Ky., died suddenly in this city last Monday of pneumonia. Mr. Colgan was author of the famous "June Bug" poem, which is familiar to every newspaper reader, and has been parodied in a thousand forms. Others laid claim to its composition, but Colgan could prove indisputably that he was its author. He wrote it about eight years ago, when he was a reporter on The Courier Journal of this city. It originally appeared as follows:

The June bug has a gaudy wing,
The lightning bug has fame;
The bed bug has no wings at all,
But he gets there all the same.

One night when news was scarce Mr. Colgan handed in this little poem with his batch of copy. The city editor allowed it to get into type, but the managing editor promptly killed it. The next day Mr. Colgan rewrote it and took it to Mr. Donald G. Padman, who was contributing a column of humorous paragraphs to the editorial page of The Courier-Journal. Mr. Padman placed it at the head of his column, and it appeared there on the following day.

The bit of rhyme was at once taken up by the press of the country, and has been reprinted in every village and town of the Union. —Louisville Telegram.

A Talking Pensioner.

A man down in Colerain township, Lancaster county, lost his pension a short time ago in a way that he thought for a time was rather mysterious, but he now understands. Three or four years ago he was allowed a pension for total disability, and he received the sum of \$1,500, which he claimed to be due him. After that he received \$14 a month. About two months ago the pensioner, who makes posts and rails and sets fence, was at work near his home, when a well dressed and pleasant looking stranger came by and engaged him in conversation. As the pensioner heaved the posts, the new comer began talking about that kind of work, and asked him how much he could do in a week. The pensioner, who is inclined to brag about himself, said that he could make more posts and set more fence in a day than any other man in the neighborhood. The stranger soon went away, and since that time the countryman has not received a pension. He has since learned that the stranger was a detective in the employ of the government, who had been sent there to find out whether he was as badly disabled as he claimed to be. —Reading (Pa.) Times.

Growing Peanuts in Hartford.

A lady who lives on Farmington avenue has a servant who is very fond of plants and flowers. Last spring, as an experiment, she planted some peanuts. They were placed in the earth under the lee of the house, and in a spot where they would get as much sun as possible. They came up and by careful watching and very tender treatment were induced to grow quite well. Recently she went out and dug two handfuls of very excellent peanuts. —Hartford Courant.

A new gem, the pierre Tonquinoise, is in the market. When cut like the diamond, it is said to be very beautiful. Its color is a dark blue, more brilliant than sapphire, though some varieties have a purple or red tinge.

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Chancery Notice.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.
Macon County.

In the Circuit Court—To the January Term, A. D. 1897.

Sylls Madsen vs Fanny Madsen in Chancery.

Affidavit of the non-residence in this state of said Fanny Madsen, the defendant in the above entitled cause, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of said county, notice is hereby given to the said Fanny Madsen that the above named complainant heretofore filed his bill of complaint in said court, and that a summons thereupon issued of said court against the above named defendant, returnable on the first day of the next term of said court, to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county, on the second Monday in the month of January, A. D. 1897.

Now, unless you, the said Fanny Madsen, do appear and answer on the first day of said court, and plead, answer or demur, to said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as true, and a decree rendered according to the prayer thereof.
Dated Decatur, Ill., November 16, 1896.
FREDERICK A. BROWN, Solicitor.
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